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SOURCE

1. A single-track line between Templin and Prenzlau is being reconstructed to improve traffic facilities for the Templin troop training grounds to the north and is scheduled for completion on 31 August 1953.

2. By 10 April 1953, 11.5 kilometers of trackage had been laid. It is reported that the line would be completed by 15 August 1953.

25X1 3. In early June 1953, the roadbed for the entire line was completed. The laying of rails, the reconstruction of bridges, and the installation of safety and signal installations were under way. About 200 workers were employed in the reconstruction. The line is to be completed by 15 August 1953.

4. According to documents dated 23 June 1953, the allocations for many railroad reconstruction programs were reduced for domestic reasons. The allocation for the reconstruction of the Templin-Prenzlau line was reduced by 4,620,000 east marks. The overall cost for the reconstruction of the line was estimated at 15,100,000.

25X1A COMMENT: The information indicates that the line will be completed by 15 August 1953. Whether the reduction of funds allocated for the project has delayed completion of the line has not been determined. It is possible that the new economy measures will affect the construction of the safety and signal installations on the line. This would not prevent the resumption of race-shift operations. No information has been received on the planned construction of a second track. Such a measure appears improbable in view of the fact that all the lines to which the Templin-Prenzlau line connects are single-track.

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